

I have filled my sheet with my over-mates,
partly because I believe they will interest you
but, also, because I have little else to write.
I go out as little as I can, but I am now
surrounded by a large circle of old friends,
by whom I supposed myself forgotten, & I have
been required to renew my acquaintances with
turbo, & other good things, much oftener than I
could have desired.

I received the copies of my Silliman Atta-
ches, for which I am obliged - but as I meant
them for Amer. Circulation, I send them back
to my son, for distribution - I shall, however,
retain one of each for Baott, who has
received me most kindly. I am within a
few coats of him but have only drunk
tea with him once, since my arrival.
The weather has been so constantly wet,
that when not at Blackheath, nor com-
pelled to dine out, I am only too
glad to pass my evenings at home.
You will have heard of the birth of my
grand-daughter - whom I may never see!
So strangely wayward is my destiny -
& also, of my poor brother's most fearful
accident - His recovery seems to me little
short of a miracle; & I dare hardly even
hope, that he will be other than lame for
the rest of his life.

London, 8th Mar. 1853.

My dear Gray -

I wrote you from Spoo. imme-
diately upon my arrival, but have not
had the pleasure of hearing from you,
except your few lines by Mr. Chas. Loring,
whom I had not the happiness of seeing.
He called at my Counting House, when
I was confined to my room, by a severe
cold, & left his card with the informa-
tion that he left for the Continent, on the
following day, & should not return until
June. If I live so long, I shall then hope
to see Mr. & Mrs. L. & I am grieved to hear
of their loss.

Very soon after my arrival in London
circumstances induced me to resolve against
concluding the arrangements which I had
in view when I quitted New York - but, immedi-
ately afterwards, I received a proposition
from one of my oldest English friends to
join him & his son who are engaged at
Stack & Sharpe Brothers - The father has
been in business 30 years, & I have
known him throughout that long period,

as we continued to correspond up to my leaving America - The same I have known from his infancy - As the propositions made to me were very liberal, & as my old friend a man greatly & deservedly esteemed, & withal of handsome fortune, I did not hesitate to embrace his offer, & since the commencement of the year we have carried on business together, under the firm of Simon, Son & Carey - 8 Warwicks Court, London - to which address please send your letters for the future. My worthy friend is upwards of 70 years of age; I regret to say, but is, nevertheless, very active & energetic - I hope that our connection may enable me to spare his declining years much labour & anxiety, when I shall have become more familiarized with business, which is greatly changed since my time - Indeed, I make conscience of avoiding every thing having a tendency to divert my thoughts from my duties & have not opened a botanical book since I landed! In truth, I am afraid to trust myself in the way of such temptation. For the like reason, I have refused all invitations from my old friends to attend the meetings of the R. S. & L. S. - not that

my evenings are engaged in my business, as my hours are from 1/2 p. 10 to 1/2 p. 5, or thereabouts - but I desire, for the present, at least, to mean my mind from Natl. Hist., that it may be as much occupied as it ought to be, but is not, in the conduct of business. For the rest, I have every reason to hope that so far as money matters are concerned I am very comfortably & genteelly provided for. I have taken the 1st. floor of a house in Kynge St. - a few doors from Russell Square, & quite close to the Brit. Museum, to which, however, I have not yet been, tho' I met yesterday an offr. of the Museum, at a dinner party, & who proffered his services to send me a reading ticket. My quarters are very comfortable & spacious, & well furnished - I take Breakfast & tea only at home, & dine at a Chop-House near my County Ho. However, of the 3 months I have been in England at least half of the time I have lived with my partner, at Blackheath. He has a large family, who are all most kind & good to me - My health has been good since my return home, except a constant Cough, which is even yet quitting me, with reluctance. Thus, my dear friend,

Mr. Joseph Haine, a son of the Rev.
Dr. Haine, & intimate in the family of my partner,
is about to visit the U. S. & I shall
give him a letter to you, as he is a
well-informed, travelled man, & I think
you will like him. He will also
tell you all about me, as we meet
frequently - He has business in N.Y.
but proposes also to see something
of the Country, before he returns. He
desires to see the unbroken forest,
in its majesty, for which I suppose that
Maine will be the handsomest point
now remaining - also the Alleghany,
& what else may be worth seeing, &
for such matters I shall tell him to
put himself under your guidance &
Torrey's, as I know no better - Mr. H.
is a widower, of simple tastes & habits,
& you need not put yourself out of
the way, in the least degree, in receiving
him.

I have seen nothing of Hooker

but, if I live until the longer summer
evenings, I shall hope to ride up to
Kew, & see him - Indeed I have not
yet had the curiosity to go to the
Zoological gardens, though close at
hand -

And now, my dear Gray, it
remains but to send my sincere
love to dear Mr. Gray - it is scarcely
probable that we shall meet again,
on your side of the Atlantic, but
I shall not cease to remember the
kindness I have received, from you
both, during the many years of
my sojourn in America - Gray
~~God~~ to bless & preserve you both, &
am truly, & affec'tly yours

M. Carey

I send no greetings to
the Taylors as I wrote
to the Dr. by last mail }